Health Care activities based on the reports so far received from the States/Union Territories is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIII, Annexure No. 35].

Supply of contaminated Life Saving Fluids

1813. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item published in the Indian Express of 25th April, 1992 under the caption "Life saving fluids found contaminated";

(b) whether it is a fact that the dextrose supplied to the ICCU of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi was found contaminated with fungus which was to be injected to heart patients;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) the name of the supplier of the above life-saving fluids to the Hospital;

(e) the name of the manufacturer thereof; and

(f) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Intensive Cardiac Care Unit of Safdarjung Hospital has reported that one bottle of Injection Dextrose 5 per cent manufactured by M/s. Uttar Pradesh Drugs & Pharmaceutical Ltd. Lucknow had developed contamination/fungus.

(f) The use of the batch in question has been suspended and the Drugs Controller, Delhi Administration, has collected the samples for analytic tests.

Downgrading of Posts in AIIMS

1814. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to downgrade thirtyone posts of Additional Professors and Associate Professors in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the reasons therefor;

(d) to what extent it is likely to affect the career of the doctors in the Institute; and

(e) what is their reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given in the attached statement. (*See* below).

(c) to (e) The new Assessment Promotion Scheme has been implemented in the AIIMS *w.e.f.* 1-7-1989, which provides for hundred per cent promotion for Assistant Professors to Associate Professors after 4 years of service in the grade and 75 per cent of the eligible Associate Professors, who have completed 4 years of service in the grade, for promotion as Additional Professors. In view of the Assessment Promotion Scheme the faculty members will now be eligible for time bound promotion subject to fitness and direct recruitment would be only at the level of Assistant Professors and Additional Professors.